a request device, located on said network remotely from said memory, which outputs an execution request for executing one of the specific processes; and

an execution device, located on said network remotely from said memory and said request device, for receiving, through the network, the execution request output from the request device, acquiring, through the network, one of the plurality of function executing modules which has a function of realizing the execution request from the memory, executing the acquired function execution module and providing a result of the execution of the function execution module to the request device.

Claim 11. (Three Times Amended)

A dynamic module configuration method using a network comprising the steps of:

storing in a memory a plurality of function executing modules for executing specific processes;

outputting, by a request device through the network, an execution request for executing one of the specific processes; and

receiving, by an execution device, located on said network remotely from said memory and said request device, the execution request through the network, acquiring, through the network, one of the plurality of function

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executing modules from the memory which has a function of realizing the execution request, executing the acquired function execution module and providing a result of the execution of the function execution module to the request device.

Please add the following new claims:

--Claim 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the external resource is located remotely on said network from said execution device.

Claim 18. A method of providing execution module instructions to plural operational devices on a network, comprising the steps of:

storing plural diverse execution modules in a memory located remotely on said network from said operational devices, each of said execution modules containing a set of instructions usable by an operational device;

requesting an action by a request device to be performed by a selected operational device which is achieved through a set of instructions contained in a requested execution module;

acquiring said requested execution module by said selected operational device from said remote memory, said operational device executing said set of instructions contained in said requested execution module to perform the requested action.

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Claim 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the request device is remotely located on the network from said plural operational devices and said memory.

Claim 20. The method of claim 18, wherein the operational device includes an execution device for executing the requested execution module acquired from said memory.--